



No. 3647.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1894.

THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL \$1,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP \$250,000

BANKERS: CAPITAL & COUNT'S BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE: No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES: BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES: PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS AND Fixed Deposits can be ascertained on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.
Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [32]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL \$1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED \$1,185,000

BANKERS: LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS—

For 12 Months 5 per cent.

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JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [20]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital \$1,000,000

Subscribed Capital \$1,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:

D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.

Chan Kit Shan, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.

H. Stoltzfus, Esq.

Chief Manager.

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and Amoy.

BANKERS:

The Commercial Bank of Scotland.

Parrs Banking Co. and The Alliance Bank (Ltd.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed. 5 per Cent.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [7]

Notices of Firms.

N O T I C E .

THE Business hereto conducted by the MITSU FISHI SHA and MITSU BISHI COLLIERIES will from and after the 1st January, 1894, be carried on by a Limited Partnership under the style of the MITSU BISHI GOSHI KWAI HA (MITSU BISHI CO., LTD.) of which Mr. IWASAKI HISAYA is the Managing Partner.

AGENTS:

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

H. U. JEFFRIES,

Manager.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1894. [84]

N O T I C E .

M R. FREDERICK BROUGHAM MARSHALL has this Day been admitted a PARTNER in our FIRM.

TAIT & Co.

Amoy, 1st January, 1894. [38]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, COTTAGE PIANOS, &c.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,

ON SATURDAY, the 13th January, 1894, commencing at 2.30 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, DUDDELL STREET, (For Sunday Accounts)

A QUANTITY OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising—

DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, MARBLE-TOP FANCY TABLES, BUREAU, OVER-MANTELS, PICTURES, ORNAMENTS, FENDERS and IRONS, CARPETS, CURTAINS &c., DINING TABLE and CHAIRS, SIDEBOARD with MIRROR BACK, DINNER WAGGONS, ELECTRO-PLATE, GLASS and CROCKERY-WARE, &c. &c.

SINGLE- and DOUBLE IRON BEDSTEADS, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS and DRESSING TABLES, SINGLE and DOUBLE WARDROBES, BED-ROOM FURNITURE, BATH-ROOM REQUISITES, &c. &c.

ALSO,

TWO COTTAGE PIANOS in Good Condition.

TERMS OF SALE—As customary, Catalogues issued prior to Sale. On View from Friday, the 12th instant.

GEO. P. LAMMIERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1894. [85]

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S T. JOHN'S L O D G E
OF HONGKONG,
No. 618, S.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Zoland Street, on FRIDAY, the 13th instant, at 8.30 p.m. precisely. All Brethren cordially invited.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1894. [86]

Insurances.

THE STANDARD ENDOWMENT ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES of this form of Assurance, the following may be mentioned:—

- (a)—It secures an immediate Provision for wife and family or other relatives in event of early death.
- (b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.
- (c)—It supplies an excellent Investment for the regular accumulation of small fixed sums of money.
- (d)—The Surrender and Loan values are larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN THREE YEARS IN FORCE—should the Policy-holder wish to discontinue future payments—he will be entitled to receive, on application, a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a proportionate amount of the Sum Assured, as explained in the Prospectus.

Full particulars on application.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [747]

THE LION FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

WE have This Day been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, and are prepared to accept FIRE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1894. [65]

N.Y.C.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, Queen's Road West, Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [173]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 } \$83,333.33.

EQUAL TO \$318,000.00

RESERVE FUND \$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LIE SING, Esq. LO YEUR MOON, Esq.

LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST, Hongkong, 10th December, 1893. [974]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

OWING to MILITARY MANOEUVRES, the RANGE will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 9th instant, to SATURDAY, 13th instant. Consequently there will be NO COMPETITION next SATURDAY.

ED. ROBINSON, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1894. [146]

NOTICE.

THE REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th to WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1894, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. SHELTON HOOVER,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1894. [82]

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SIXTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1894, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1893.

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By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. SHELTON HOOVER,

Secretary to the

Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited.

General Agents for the West Point Building Company, Limited.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1894. [83]

NOTICE.

THE REGISTER of SHARES will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 20th to WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1894, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. SHELTON HOOVER,

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Intimations.

CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGHAI.

Electric Lighting throughout the Premises.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS—

"CENTRAL."

SHANGHAI"

THIS long-established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river in the centre of the Settlements, is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Room ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, Douche, Shower, SPRAYS, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

COMMODIOUS RECEPTION ROOM FOR VISITORS.
SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.
An Assistant attends on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—Special reduced charges may be arranged for application to the Manager.

F. E. REILLY,
PROPRIETOR.

DAWSON'S PERFECTION OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.
ALLISTON & CO., SOLE AGENTS, Hongkong and the Far East,
68, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1893. [741]

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

NEW STOCK OF SADDLERY.

RACING GEAR.

STABLE REQUISITES.

RACING SADDLES, WHIPS, BRIDLES, WEIGHT-CLOTHS, SADDLE CLOTHS, ROLLERS, GIRTHS,

&c., &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1893. [50]

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS..... THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best-appointed Hotel in the Far East affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping Offices.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.

THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the *cuisine* being under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to spacious Verandah

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1894.

Estimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.
CONFECTIONERY, &c.

WE have just received our New Stock of CONFECTIONERY and are offering the same at prices suitable for the present bad times:-

CHOCOLATE CREAMS.

PATES D'APRICOT.

CHOCOLATE ALMONDS.

FANCY BOXES OF SWEETS of various kinds from 2 Dollars to 25 Cents.

SUGARED ALMONDS.

BURNT ALMONDS.

MIXED SWEETS.

TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS.

CIGARETTE CASES, CIGAR CASES, CARD CASES.

In SILVER, ELECTRO, SNAKE SKIN, RUSSIAN LEATHER, &c. CIGAR & CIGARETTE HOLDERS, PIPES. Hongkong, 13th November, 1893.

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A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

We invite attention to our STOCKS

OF
CONFECTONERY
AND
CHRISTMAS GOODS.

JORDAN ALMONDS, NOUGAT, BUTTER SCOTCH, ASSORTED TOFFEES, DRAGEES, PRALINE.

and a large selection

of
PURE CONFECTONERY
from the leading Manufacturers.

CADBURY'S SPECIAL

CHOCOLATE CREAMS.

PINE, APRICOT, CHERRY, LIME, GUAVA,
and other

FRUIT JELLIES
in great variety.

TOM SMITH'S
CHRISTMAS CRACKERS.

COLOURED OPALS
MOUNTED IN PLUSH,
representing favourite subjects.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED,
The Hongkong Dispensary.
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.
Hongkong, 3rd November, 1893.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

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ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1894.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

At Monday's meeting in the City Hall reference was made more than once to the "interests" of the Justices, supposed to be represented in the Legislative Council by the member whom they elect. Probably even Mr. CHATER, M.L.C., J.P., able though he is, would be puzzled to explain what special interests the Justices have, what claim they have to a member of their own, or in fact what distinguishes a Justice from an ordinary mortal. In England the Justices are regularly called upon to exercise full magisterial functions, and are supposed to be able to act accordingly; but even in their case, they have surely no more reason to have special representation in Parliament than other classes, as, for instance, lawyers, journalists, soldiers and sailors, or even worse people. (In the immortal words of Mr. LEITCH, Q.C., J.P.)—that is, on the bare theory that Justices are men capable of performing judicial work. But, as a home writer puts it, the appointment of Justices of the Peace has in several administrations been a mere matter of form,

a political favour and consequently there have been appointed men who were utterly unfit in every conceivable way for the position of administrators of justice, as witness the manifold and ever-curving cases, "pilloried" every week in *Truth*, of ludicrous and unjust decisions given by the Great Unpaid. To get a constituent made a J.P. has long been a little bit of political patronage enjoyed by Members of Parliament; for certain Lord Chancellors unfortunately yielded to the recommendation of any member to appoint a constituent to the Bench, without seeking to ascertain whether the person nominated was a fit and proper person or not. Lord Herschell is bent upon changing all that; and of course the change is bound to give umbrage to many members, for the simple reason that by curtailing their powers of patronage in this direction, it is not unreasonable to assume that many promises made to constituents prior to the last election will perchance be broken. In Hongkong there is no such political influence; Justices are not appointed to dispense justice, nor even are seats on the Bench awarded by way of party patronage. In fact, it staggers even our colossal intellect to discover what is the ground of appointment. Of the thirty-nine Justices present on Monday at least one third represent absolutely nothing so far as this colony is concerned, not even common intelligence. It would be easy enough to name these nonentities and analyse their spurious claims to what is certainly a special privilege; but there is no necessity for making invidious comparisons or introducing personalities that might give offence. A glance through the list at once shows what a hollow sham the Hongkong Bench of Justices is, and emphasizes the question—what is the difference between a J.P. and a common garden *genus homo*? It is not wealth, nor property, nor social standing, as (theoretically) with special jurors; it is not training for special duty; it is not age, nor hereditary nobility, nor distinguished service; it is not even British blood, for nearly half are aliens, presumably naturalised. Then what is it? Is it a handful of names shaken up in a hat? And if so, why doesn't the *Gambling Ordinance* come in?

As a matter of fact, the principle on which Justices are appointed here is much the same as that on which grocers at home increase their trade; ticket is given away with each quarter-pound of tea sold, and the customer who can produce most tickets at the end of a month gets a prize. So the man who shows most servility to the powers that be, in Hongkong as in other places, gets his prize, whether it be the distinguished title of J.P. or some other coveted reward. Perhaps no great harm is done; the Justices manage to elect a very good man, quite as good a man as even a sensible body of men could get, and we have no fault to find with them on that score. Nominally he is the J.P. Member; really he represents the People, and does it very well. What we wish, and hope to see, is that this pretence should be abolished in favour of real popular election by all British subjects who pay taxes in this Colony; and—most of all—a majority of the ratepayers' representatives in the Legislative Council. There is absolutely no reason against it; in spite of all the specious arguments of interested officialdom, and in spite of the mysterious disappearance of the Ratepayers' Association, the elected majority is bound to become an accomplished fact sooner or later; and the sooner the better.

TELEGRAMS.

MASHONALAND.

LONDON, January 8th, 1894.

Sir Henry Loch telegraphs that he has abandoned all hope of the safety of Captain Wilson and party, supposed to have escaped in the direction of Hartley Hill. As soon as the weather permits, an expedition will be sent to investigate.

The U.S. TARIFF BILL.

The new *Tariff Bill* has been brought forward in the House of Representatives.

SIERRA LEONE.

The French Press is agitating the question of England's position in West Africa.

[We regret our inability to fathom with any degree of reliability what this telegram may mean; but if by any chance it is intended to convey that the Paris newspapers are attempting to extenuate or gloss over Lieutenant Morris and the French troops' deplorable and inexcusable blunder in attacking a British camp in the dark, which led to such disastrous results, by attempting to contend that the British force had no right to be where they were (presumably Watlana), we are strongly of opinion that they are on the wrong tack. The French Press will be wise in advocating that every possible reparation should be made without delay to the British Government for a gross outrage that, had the positions of the parties been reversed, would have set France ablaze from the Pyrenees to Calais until ample satisfaction had been obtained. The *Hongkong Telegraph* has my "Jingo" proclivities, but nevertheless fully recognises that occasions may arise when the national honour and national interests warrant the "dogs of war" being let loose. The superb insolence of the French Press—which controls French politics—may turn a matter which ought to be easily and honorably adjusted by peaceful diplomacy into one of those desperate occasions, and if so, then France must abide by the consequences. As the old song has it—

"We licked the French before, boy,
And so we can again."

—Ed. H.K. Telegraph.]

SIAM.

PARIS, December 29th.

M. Harmand will act as French Minister at Bangkok while M. Pavie represents France on the "buffer-state" delimitation commission.

M. Le Myre de Vilers has returned to Paris from the East, and has intimated through the Press his satisfaction with the condition of the French colonies, with his trip there, and with the

prospects of the fulfilment of the Franco-Siamese treaty.

[A despatch from Bangkok announces a different arrangement—that M. Pavie, who will only be away from his post for three or four months at most, will be replaced for the time by M. Plinski, French consul at Batavia.—*Avenir du Tonkin*.]

FRANCE AND ITALY.

December 31st.

The Assize Court at Angoulême has acquitted the man charged with murder of Italians in the recent troubles at Alges-Mortes. The verdict has caused great dissatisfaction in Italy.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The results of the third and last day's racing at Amoy had not reached us when we went to press. The *New Year* has begun the New Year well, by not cribbing Monday's Amoy races from the *Telegraph* until to-day.

AN OLD THEATRICAL view of the Hongkong A.D.C.'s performance of "Princess Toto" will appear in to-morrow's *Telegraph*.

The Canadian Pacific Railways' royal mail steamer *Empress of India* left Vancouver, for this port on Monday afternoon last.

We observe from a Calcutta paper that Mr. J. Mackay has joined the London Board of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.

TEN tea-brokers of Kobe are reported to have returned to their licenses owing to the dulness of trade and the losses of the merchants engaged in the business.

THE Agents (Messrs. Dorwell, Carlill & Co.) inform us that the Northern Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer *Tacoma* arrived at Victoria, B.C., on the 8th inst., from Hongkong and Japan.

A REGULAR meeting of Perseverance Lodge No. 1165, E.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Tuesday, the 16th instant, at 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

SILVER to the value of over fifteen million yen is stated to have accumulated in the Osaka Mint, and additions are received almost daily. At least a year will be required to cast the silver now on hand.

TWO famous Parisian prisons will shortly cease to exist. They are the Roquette, near Pere Lachaise Cemetery, and the prison of St. Lazare, with its sorrowful souvenirs of the Reign of Terror. The Government intends to build a large prison in their stead.

"PORTA GALLIS" must surely know that it would be unwise to publish his unsupported assertions whilst the case is still *sous judice*; besides, what does it really matter after all whether the persons referred to are Spaniards, Portuguese, British, or of any other nation?

THE latest *fin de siècle* classic—

"The good young man
And the good young maid,
All declaim against art that is daipless
And say it is rude,
To gass on the nude,
Just because their own 'props' are so shapeless,

MISS CISSE DENVER, once one of the bright particular stars of the Willard and Stanley combinations in this colony, was a leading member of a Phonograph Company in Delhi by latest India advices. Cissie has taken to skirt dancing, and the Delhi critic says her efforts in that line leave nothing to be desired.

"Six months hard" was the magisterial prescription written out by Mr. Hastings this morning in favour of an ill-fated opium dress vendor, who, if he never knew it before, is now fully convinced that there is an Opium Farm in what Sir Gush Bowen was so fond of styling "the Malta and Gibralter of the East."

A KOREAN contemporary says that Mr. Nakamura, formerly Japanese Consul at Manila, is now taking an active part in the encouragement of trade between Japan and the Philippines. He left Kobe by the *Hogo-maru* on the other day, accompanied by Messrs. Matsubara and Iwai, on a commercial visit to the Spanish colony.

AN itinerant hawker caught in the act of selling kerosene oil in the street yesterday, without a license, looked in at Mr. Hastings' Arbitration Road chambers this morning, and after a brief discussion decided to graciously contribute \$5 to Her Majesty's exchequer, for the sake of peace and harmony if for no other more selfish reason.

RINDERPEST is reported to have again broken out in Korea, where two years ago it decimated the cattle. In some places the farmers are said to be in a miserable condition, turning up operations being almost at a standstill for want of oxen, while the farmers are not able to dispose of their rice to advantage in consequence of the prohibition of export.

THE leading feature of the first day's racing at Amoy, a gentleman who was present states, was the sensational victory achieved by the brilliant finish of Mr. W. P. Maclean in the Foochow Cup on the rank outsider *Steadfast*, a subscription griffin that won the German Cup for Mr. R. M. Gray at the Hongkong race meeting of last year.

THE next meeting of the Hongkong "Odd Volumes," will be held on Friday next, the 13th instant, at the Chambers, Bank Buildings, at 9 o'clock p.m. The evening will be devoted to "impromptu speeches." The openers of the debates and the subjects will be drawn by lot, and presumably the number of speakers on each subject as well as the length of speeches, will have to be rigidly limited.

WE respectfully beg to direct the Roads Fluid to the fact that the Praya West is in a fearful state. A ricksha-side down to Jardine's Wharf feels like a cross between a switchback and a football match, and the poor unhappy coolies who have to sit piecemeal with their vehicles down that way have started planting joss-sticks at the front of the P.W.D. office, by way of propitiating the Chief Devil.

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The Calcutta Sporting Times is of opinion that the result of the Opium Commission will be a tremendous impetus to the sale of the drug, and nothing else.

MOST of the newspapers fall into the error of giving the name of the chieftain of Matabelo land "Lobengula," whereas the correct orthography is Bongu'u. The prefix Lo is but a title and not part of the name proper, while the ending "u" would only there be permissible in a feminine name. The pronunciation of the royal name is Lo Ben-gonda, with the accent on the next to the last syllable.

One of the "unions" (fraternity who improved the shilling hour by stealing a dollar's worth of calico from No. 56, Flora Street, yesterday, during the hubbub and crush inseparable from the outbreak of fire in Chinatown, was caught by a detective in the act of trying to pawn the "stuff" this morning, and was promptly haled before Mr. Hastings. A more or less friendly conference ensued resulting in the thimble-and-scholarsman being granted six weeks' free board in Lethbridge Lodge, over the way.

AT the Bijou Theatre, West Point:

Mr. Ebroy-Kin yew told me, Mash Johnson, why do Hongkong Wollummers is like Lord Nelson?

Er—er—cos dey're a one-eyed lot?

No!

Cos dey're cripples?

No!

Cos dey're all at sea?

No!—Cos de le last thing Nelson did before he died was to fight for his country; an'd dat's de last thing they will ever do!

Proctored will de it cus!

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No!—

him increases" every time you meet him. He is small, strong, hardy, nimble-footed, patient, gentle, and in every way reliable and serviceable. Long strings of them, carrying burdens to market, which almost entirely hide the little animals from view, passed and repassed on the embankments, and nimbly came and went on the multi-ridges roads. Men and women, as in great numbers, big men, too big for their little steeds, and women, often in palis, were seen riding the donkeys; the women outside like the men. The wheel-barrow is, however, the general mode of conveyance in this part of the country for both passengers and produce, and its creaking and squeaking can be heard far. Further on the Canal and in the interior these primitive vehicles are used for travel and traffic by the thousands, to the added discomfort of the otherwise very bad, because never mended, wretched roads. A walk of six or seven miles at a sedate pace, the boat with the trackers on the twine, fairly keeping up with me, enabled me to see much of the surrounding country and gave me a full idea of the life and customs of the people hereabouts. At every village there is, of course, a temple mostly Buddhist; and there are temples in many places where there are no villages. In passing these on the boat, a priest from each temple stood on the shore, beating a little gong and holding out a bag at the end of a bamboo pole, for alms. I thought at first that these men were fishermen, but this importunity soon taught me my mistake. An increased activity among the boats, and the throngs on the roads and hillsides, broken our approach to Yangchow, and presently, on rounding a bend in the Canal, we came in view of a town, and beyond it the walls of the city. The pagoda stands near the bank of the Canal and is evidently of great antiquity. It is seven stories high—each story about twenty feet, and you can see that it was once encircled with bays on every story. These illustrations have long since fallen away and the whole edifice bears evidence of slow decay. It apparently affords now only a habitation for pigeons and other birds which were seen in countless numbers, resting upon flying about it. No one of whom I enquired had any knowledge or information as to when this pagoda had been built. It had stood there, they all knew, time out of mind, and it looked old. We landed from our boat under the walls of the city, near a marshy gate-way, which is flanked on each side by a round tower pierced with loopholes. The walls are of stone and brick work, 20 feet deep, 40 feet high, crenellated, and in good preservation. They answered the purpose, no doubt, when they were built, as a defence against light horsemen, bows and arrows, lances and catapults. I could not learn the extent of the walls, and they had so far that I was enabled to get only a partial view of it. Yangchow is one of the most famous of the great cities of China. It is alleged by tradition to have been built in the 11th century, 2205 B.C. In the Han dynasty, A.D. 25, it was known as Kiang-ta. L. for it was called Kiangting. In the Sung dynasty, A.D. 599, it received the name of Yangchow, which it now bears. Like all the cities in the region of the Yangtze, it suffered much in the T'ien-lung rebellion, but has recently recovered its former prosperity. The celebrated Venetian traveller Mauro Polo relates in his wonderful book of travels, that the great Kublai Khan appointed him to be the governor of this city, and that he resided here three years. This was in 1281. His description of the city is meagre, like most of his descriptions, but what there is of it can be recognised, and local tradition quite upholds the narrative of the traveller. It now has a population of between 600,000 and 700,000 souls, and is the residence of many wealthy mandarins and retired officials, and is accounted by all China as a pleasure city. It has always been noted for its beautiful women, and furnishes concubines to the nobles of the realm.

It was an Emperor of the Sung dynasty, A.D. 615, who made the city famous as a resort for pleasure, which it has since maintained. History makes its reign of thirteen years one interesting record of luxuriant ease and pleasure—the Chinese Sardanapalus. He built a magnificent palace, and in its spacious grounds erected pavilions dedicated to every variety of pleasure. It is related of him that on one occasion a festival of flowers, held in his royal gardens, he ordered his state barge, and as there was no water at hand, spread the ground with yellow rice straw, over which the imperial barge and guests were led to the gate of the Incomparable Pavilion. The site of this palace is now occupied by a Buddhist temple.—*N. C. Daily News.*

(To be concluded.)

FOOCHOW NOTES.

For Chow, January 6th, 1894.
The newly appointed U. S. Consul, Colonel J. Courtney Paxton, assumed the duties of his office on the 1st instant.

The following is the tea export since our issue of last number, per carriage returns:

Per Ulysses, for London 121,848 lbs.

for Hongkong 12,210 lbs.

On Sunday night last two daring thieves entered a family house in the city and carried off some valuables. They were pursued by the owner, but on coming up to them he received such a severe knife wound on his right hand that he had to abandon further pursuit and they got away with their booty.

The Viceroy has notified his intention of visiting the temple Lung-Cheng-King-to-morrow morning for the purpose of worship. A large suite of his Excellency's household will be in attendance, and it is expected that many of the leading mandarins will be present at the ceremony.

We bear that the common practice of throwing all sorts of refuse into the creeks of the city has been put a stop to by the chief magistrate. He has pointed out in a public notice that the practice gives rise to sickness, and ordered that for the future, all such refuse must be carried outside the gates and be thrown out to the fields.

A ferryman plying between Lingpoo and the opposite shore made his sampan fast, as he thought, to a rock while he went to buy provisions, leaving his son, a lad of 7 years of age, in it. On his return he found the boat had got adrift and running on a rock in the "chow-chow" water had capsized and that the little lad had been drowned.

An ill-conditioned fellow living over the Long Bridge obtained a loan of \$20 on Monday last and at once invested the whole amount in Hua Hui lottery tickets. As he drew no prize he gave way to despair and hanged himself. His mother, who was entirely dependent on him for her living, became so dispirited by the occurrence that she followed suit.

Before the next issue of this paper the late U. S. Consul, Dr. Samuel L. Gracy, will have left the port. As a Consul he was highly appreciated by all residents of whatever nationality. In social circles he and his amiable family will be very generally missed. He carries away with him the best wishes of the whole community.

Further failures of small native banks are reported this week. One of these, known as

Gee-Wo, on the island between the bridges, has stopped with liabilities of nearly \$10,000; and another, Chue-Sing, has suspended payment with about the same liability. The reason assigned for these disasters is want of public confidence in these institutions, and a run has consequently taken place on them with which the proprietors have been unable to cope.

Two thieves succeeded in entering the house of a rich man in the city on Saturday last, and carried off a trunk containing valuable clothes and jewellery without being discovered. They had, however, to ask the keeper of one of the closed gates in a street through which they were obliged to pass to open it for them, and he, suspecting them to be thieves, gave the alarm, and they were caught by the guard and imprisoned. As they were found to be armed they received extra punishment in the form of a thousand blows each from the bamboo and a month in a kangue. The *Tsin* succeeded in finding the proprietor of the house from which the trunk was stolen, and the keeper of the street gate was handsomely rewarded by him.—*Echo.*

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

9th January, 1894.—At 4 p.m.

STATION	Barom.	Temp.	Humid.	Wind.	W. Wind.	W. N. Wind.	W. E. Wind.	W. S. Wind.	W. N. E. Wind.	W. S. E. Wind.	W. N. W. Wind.	W. S. W. Wind.
Whampoa	30.19	5	—	NNE	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
Nagasaki	30.15	14	41	NNE	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
Amakusa	30.33	5	51	NW	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
Asuka	30.45	5	51	NE	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
Sasebo	30.19	6	51	NNW	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
Victoria Peak	30.85	60	51	EW	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
Dap Rock	30.75	59	51	NW	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
Hobson	30.10	6	51	NW	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
Hongkong	30.14	6	51	N	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
Roddan	30.08	75	51	N	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
Cape St. James	30.07	78	57	NE	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b

10th January, 1894.—At 4 a.m.

STATION	Barom.	Temp.	Humid.	Wind.	W. Wind.	W. N. Wind.	W. E. Wind.	W. S. Wind.	W. N. E. Wind.	W. S. E. Wind.	W. N. W. Wind.	W. S. W. Wind.
Wellswich	10.18	7	56	WSW	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
Footscray	10.11	42	71	B	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
Toping	10.16	52	65	N	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
Swan	10.16	52	65	N	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
Hawker	10.17	60	54	NE	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
Victoria Peak	10.16	52	65	N	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
Cap Rock	10.16	52	65	N	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
Hobson	10.16	57	77	FNW	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
Hongkong	10.03	74	67	SSE	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
Cape St. James	10.10	52	65	N	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b

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Victoria Peak	10.16	52	65	N	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
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10th January, 1894.—At 9 a.m.

(From Meteor. Geo. Falconer & Co's Register.)

To-day.

10th January, 1894.—At 4 p.m.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1894.

The Share Market.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.—100 per cent., prem., sales and buyers.
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on £8,000 paid up.—\$26, sales and buyers.

The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders shares, nominal.

The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—nominal.

The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—Founders' shares, nominal.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—2½ per cent., premium, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—2 per cent., premium, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—14 per cent., premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$100 per share, sales and buyers.

China Traders' Insurance Company—\$55 per share, buyers.

North China Insurance—Tls. 145 per share, buyers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$137 per share, ex. div., buyers.

Yangtze Insurance Association—\$60, sellers.

On-Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 15 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$210 per share, buyers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$81 per share, buyers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$28 per share, sales and buyers.

China and Manilla Steam Ship Company—\$57 sellers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—37½ per cent. discount, sales and buyers.

Douglas Steamship Company—\$41, sales and buyers.

The Steam Launch Co., Limited—\$20 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—80 per cent. premium, sellers.

Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$18 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$13 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per-cent. Debentures—\$100.

The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.

The Shameen Hotel Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.

Punjor Mining Co.—\$7½ per share, sales and buyers.

The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$41 per share, ex. div., sales and buyers.

The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$1 per share, sales and buyers.

Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin—\$75 per share, buyers.

The Jelebu Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$53 sales and buyers.

London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—\$14.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$184 per share, sales and sellers.

Luxor Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$35 buyers.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$10½, sellers.

Dakin, Cruckshank & Co., Limited—\$11 per share, sales and buyers.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$41 per share, sellers.

The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$9 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$55 buyers.

The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$20 per share, sellers.

H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$8 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$4 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$100 per share, sales and buyers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$10 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$81 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$65 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$40 per share, sales and buyers.

The Green Island Cement Co.—\$51, sales and buyers.

The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$4, sellers.

The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$3 per share, nominal.

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$62 ex. div. buyers.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON—Bank, T. T. 2/3

Bank Bills, on demand 2/3

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/3

Credits at 4 months' sight 2/3

Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/3

ON PARIS—

Bank Bills, on demand 2.83

Credits, at 4 months' sight 2.90

ON INDIA—

T. T. 1.80

On Demand 1.80

ON SHANGHAI—

Bank, T. T. 72½

Private, 30 days' sight 73

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Mrs. Garlick, Miss Pearson.

Mr. F. Henderson, Mr. Pearson.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, Mr. H. W. Pearce.

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Kellett, Miss, and two children.

Baron and Baroness de ... and two children.

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Mr. F. East, Mr. J. M. Murray.

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Mr. MacLean, Mr. Stokes.

Mr. Medhurst, Capt. & Mrs. Welman.

Capt. and Mrs. Moore, Mr. F. E. White.

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Melville*, with the outward English mail, left Singapore on the 8th instant, and may be expected here on the 14th.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The Messageries Maritimes Co.'s steamer *Oceanus*, with the outward French mail, left Saigon on the 8th instant at 1 p.m., and may be expected here to-morrow.

THE AMERICAN MAILS.

The O. & S. N. Co.'s steamer *Oceanus*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Honolulu and Yokohama, on the 2nd instant.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with the American mail, left San Francisco on the 30th ultimo for this port via Yokohama.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Diomed* left Singapore on the 2nd instant, and is due here to-morrow.

The "Clem" line steamer *Glenorchy* left Singapore on the 3rd instant, and is expected here to-morrow.

The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Talmon* left Singapore on the 4th instant, and may be expected here to-morrow.

The Australian Lloyd's S. N. Co.'s steamer *Empress of Australia* left Singapore on the 7th instant, and may be expected here on the 15th.

The D. D. R. steamer *Aiglais* left Singapore on the 7th instant, and may be expected here on the 15th.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Canton*, from London, left Bombay on the 10th ultmo, for this port via Sugar.

CICERO, British steamer, 1,030, A. George, and Jan.,—Pahoa 7th Jan., and Hilo 8th.

ARRATON, British steamer, 1,302, J. E. Hansen, 7th Jan.,—Calcutta 20th Dec., Penang 27th, and Singapore 30th, Opium and General—D. Sasoon, Sons & Co.

CATTERHURN, British steamer, 1,406, Neil Shannon, 8th Jan.,—Sydney 16th Dec., General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

CHINA, German steamer, 1,114, F. Voss, 8th Jan.,—Saigon 31st Dec., Rice, Melchers & Co.

CICERO, British steamer, 1,030, A. George, and Jan.,—Samarang (Java), 23rd December.

GENERAL, Arnold, Karberg & Co.

DERBYSIDE, British steamer, 1,667, D. Davies, 7th Jan.,—Karatsu and January.

DEUTSCH, British steamer, 1,102, W. A. Dine, 29th Dec.,—Samarang 12th Dec., Sugar.

EMPEROR OF CHINA, British steamer, 1,030, A. George, and Jan.,—Samarang (Java), 23rd December.

FARADAY, British steamer, 1,030, A. George, and Jan.,—Samarang (Java), 23rd December.

GOV. GENE, Dutch steamer, 1,560, N. Kammerer, 6th January,—East Indies (Makassar), 28th Dec., General—Lauts, Wegener & Co.

HAI-POING, French steamer, 874, H. Galetti, 9th Jan.,—Haiphong 6th Jan., General—Messagers Maritimes.

HONGAIV, British steamer, 1,663, James Young, 6th Jan.,—Pascoean 27th Dec., Sugar.

JARDINE, Matheson & Co.

KIANG-SI, Chinese steamer, 526, J. Watts, 10th Jan.,—Canton 10th Jan., General—C. E. & M. Co.

TURBO, British steamer, 2,659, W. Townsend, 10th Jan.,—Batum 27th Nov., Petroleum.

ARNOLD, British steamer, 1,030, A. George, and Jan.,—Canton 10th January, General.

FU-PING, Chinese steamer, 526, J. Watts, 10th Jan.,—Canton 10th Jan., General—C. E. & M. Co.

HAIRONG, British steamer, 783, J. S. Roach, 10th Jan.,—Foochow 10th Jan., Amoy 8th, and Swatow 9th, General—D. Lapraik & Co.

SOOCHOW, British steamer, 999, N. Martin, 10th Jan.,—Moli (Japan), 5th Jan., Coal—Buttersfield & Swire.

DECIMA, German steamer, 965, C. Christensen, 10th Jan.,—Bangkok 29th Dec., Rice.

MONK, British steamer, 862, Chas. Stonham, 9th Jan.,—Bangkok 30th Dec., and Anglin 1st Jan., General—Yuen Fat Hong.

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NUMERO, German steamer, 3,207, H. Walter, 8th Jan.,—Nagasaki 4th Jan., Mails and General—Melchers & Co.

PRU, American steamer, 3,528, D. E. Frede, 6th Jan.,—San Francisco 9th Dec., and Yokohama 1st Jan., Mails and General—P. M. S. S. Co.

PICCOLO, German steamer, 768, E. Hass, 2nd Dec.,—Saigon 15th Dec., Rice.

POLLUX, German steamer, 898, J. Geffen, 26th Nov.,—Sonbaya 8th Nov., and Singapore 14th, Sugar and General—Melchers & Co.

TAURUS, British steamer, 1,517, A. de St. Croix, 31st Dec.,—Calcutta 13th Dec., General—Telegraph cable—E. E. A. & C. Tele. 14th Co.

SISHAN, British steamer, 845, A. Murphy, 7th Jan.,—Bangkok 30th Dec., Rice.

TAICHU, British steamer, 862, R. Unsworth, 7th Jan.,—Taifoo 4th Jan., and Amoy 5th Jan., General—D. Lapraik &